

KEARNEY'S BIG COTTON MILL

When Its Wheels Will Move Joyously Anticipated.

GREATNESS OF THE MIDWAY CITY CLEAR

Representative and Conservative Men Talk of the Past, Present and Future of the Wonderfully Energetic Place - About the Cotton Mill.

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—About 100 business men banqueted this evening at the Midway. The object of the gathering was to celebrate the beginning of a manufacturing era in central Nebraska, the cotton mill which will soon be placed in operation near the main town of consideration. It is intended by the citizens of Kearney to celebrate the starting of the mill on the grandest scale of anything in the history of central Nebraska.

The representative men of this city are alive to the interests of every new enterprise that may locate here and the royal welcome accorded the cotton industry this evening will linger long in the happy memory of the participants of the banquet.

At 9 o'clock the invited guests were seated about the banquet table and ex-Mayor C. B. Finch, toastmaster, took the company in charge.

The tables were arranged diagonally throughout the dining room, and a small army of waiters attended the wants of the banqueters.

Six delicious courses were served and social chat chased away dull care. All the time the toasts were proposed and responded to.

Treat Them Decently. "Railroads" was responded to by Mr. J. L. Keck, who called attention to the general demand for more railroads in Nebraska.

The speaker said that the business of a community requires greater facilities for the transportation of its products. Kind words go a long way with railroad men.

Petty opposition may annoy and inconvenience railroads, but it never induces them to grant favors or give accommodations beyond what are absolutely called for.

The people should not hesitate to demand their rights, but they should never forget the railroads are the backbone of the country.

So adverse to railroads in Nebraska at present that no extension of existing lines would be made until such time as there was a change in popular sentiment.

The railroads have the best of the situation. If extension of lines is made, it will be to the benefit of the community.

There is an increase in the local facilities for transportation. The lines of the B. & M. may be extended to a junction with the Black Hills line at or near the junction of the Kearney & Black Hills road to be continued to Minden.

He closed by denouncing the representations of the demagogues who assume to speak for the people and who create such suspicious in the minds of eastern people, reflecting on the probity of Nebraska.

"We are loyal to our country, to our country," he said. "The majority rules; honest, good faith and integrity are cardinal principles, and we grant to all the rights we demand ourselves."

Her Future Growth. "Kearney in 1900" fell to the lot of M. A. Brown, who in strong colors painted the glory of the city that is to be.

"Here is our city," he said, "the great American desert. Here is our city, strong in the individuality of its people, rich in the diversity of its industries and products, and having an undaunted spirit of progress that will enter upon the coming century with five times her present population of 10,000 people."

"In a few years the population of Kearney cotton mill will be in motion—in 1900 Kearney looms will be fed by 50,000 spindles."

"Now our young manufacturing establishments are but dots upon the map of the city—in 1900 they will form an unbroken chain of water power, and in its inception and remarkable in its development, will have been so multiplied in 1900 that it will be the great manufacturing center of the West."

"In the old days all roads led to Rome. In 1900 all roads will lead to Kearney and our railroad system will symbolize a highway to the West, and the commerce of which Kearney shall be the hub."

Their Noble Struggles. "The Cotton Mill and the State." Some reminiscences of the early days of the cotton industry were given by the founders of Kearney's greatness—the projectors of the canal—were indulged and then showed how the realization of their dream had been accomplished.

The establishment of manufactures at Kearney is now possible, for now the "no fuel" bugaboo no longer exists. Water power is the magic which has dispelled the bugaboo, and the water power sufficient to drive the wheels of any manufacturing institution that may be located here.

Some say the building of a cotton mill at Kearney is only in furtherance of a real estate boom. Such should come and gaze upon the walls of the mill, and see the masonry 100x60 feet on the ground, with basement walls seven feet thick, its great wheel house and bulkheads costing thousands of dollars, and the machinery of steel and iron car loads of machinery now in place, the 500 men who will be there when the water is turned on, and they will see spindles go whirring around, and say that it is only an adjunct of a boom.

The raw material can be shipped to Kearney for less than it costs to fall to the mill. The cost of cotton goods in the west is far greater than a dozen mills the size of Kearney's can supply.

They are among the consumers. Kearney can employ her money as cheaply and with her other superior facilities can compete with all other mills. The entire cotton industry of Nebraska is centered in this enterprise carried on successfully.

We expect to send a large share of our manufactured goods to Omaha. We expect to be able to export our goods to all parts of the world, and in the plan of reciprocity for home products. We say to grand old Nebraska, "You help sell our cotton goods, we will help sell your sugar, and to Omaha: 'Patronize our cotton mill, we will patronize your jobbing and the entire state of Nebraska will be greatly benefited by the cotton mill within its borders."

A tribute to the tireless energy of the men who have pushed this enterprise to success closed Mr. Moore's address.

HIS WAR RECORD WAS SOUND

Why John Shaffer Did Not Serve His Full Term.

SENTENCE WAS REDUCED BY HALF

Numerously Signed Petitions Were Presented in the Prisoner's Behalf By Some of Nebraska's Best Citizens—Lincoln News of Interest.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special to THE BEE.)—John Shaffer, the man who was released from the State penitentiary Thursday, and whose arrival at his former home at Minden created so much surprise and indignation, was not pardoned by Governor Thayer, as has been alleged. Shaffer was originally sentenced for ten years for the crime of murder. Two years ago Governor Thayer received a numerous signed petition from the members of Shaffer's old war regiment, the 15th Wisconsin artillery. No attention was paid to the matter at the time.

A year later, on December 24, 1891, the governor received a second petition, backed by a number of letters, one from Chief Justice Cobb, in which the judge asked that the case be given the most thorough consideration. After due review the governor commuted Shaffer's sentence to five years imprisonment.

Shaffer is 60 years old and has a large family dependent upon him for support. Since his incarceration his wife has become hopelessly insane, leaving a family of children unprovided for. Shaffer's war record, too, was considered. He served in the 15th Wisconsin, and was decorated with the Legion of Honor and the Order of the Star.

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CLAIMS OF FREMONT MAN

Probable Heir to a Large Portion of New York City.

ARRANGING TO SECURE HIS WEALTH

Ancient Records Sustain This Nebraska Citizen's Title to the Vast Property Interests—How the Discovery Was Made—State News Notes.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special to THE BEE.)—D. M. Edwards of this city was greatly surprised last evening on the receipt of intelligence which leads him to believe that he is a probable heir to a large amount of property on Manhattan island, and upon which the city of New York now stands.

The information came to him through a Linnely, Wales, newspaper dated January 6, and a letter received from his wife who is now at that place, both of which were received by Mr. Edwards yesterday.

That would be a remarkable story, that in 1730 one Robert Edwards, the great grandfather of Mr. Edwards, emigrated from Llandengeirne, Wales, to America. In the course of a few years after his arrival Robert Edwards became the owner of a tract of forty acres of land on Manhattan island. This land was low, wet and marshy, and it was sold to the British government and on it the city of New York was afterwards built.

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NEBRASKA'S DEATH ROLL

HEALTHY, NEB., JAN. 20.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Mrs. Joe Buchanan, a pioneer of this city, died suddenly last evening of heart failure, aged 73. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. John Dwyer and the Buchanan brothers of this city.

OPERA HOUSE SITE PURCHASED

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—John C. Watson today purchased a site for the new opera house.

GETTING TREATMENT

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

make," he said. "It would be a very dignified demand for the government to make. If the government has an ultimatum to propose to Chile, let it do it, and let it depend in any sense upon whether Chile is in a position to accept it. The government has an ultimatum to make and let it depend on hurried answer."

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THE RSTON COUNTY PROTEST

Omaha and Winnebago Indians Will Pay More Taxes.

HILL'S INITIAL PRESIDENTIAL BOOM

Leading Democratic Congressman Invited to Attend a Banquet to the New York Aspirant in that City—Interesting Washingtonossip.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 1014 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.

W. E. Peabody of Peabody was at the Interior department and presented his proposition for government aid in the amount of tax which should be paid by Thurston county upon the lands owned by the Omaha and Winnebago Indians in that county. Assistant Secretary Chandler heard the statement of the case and stated that undoubtedly it was just and that if the federal government expected Thurston county to do anything for the Indians located within the reservation, it should contribute toward the expense which the county has to bear on account of the Indians. Since the land of the Indians, and the Indians themselves, receive the usual and all the benefits from the county, taxes should be paid upon the reservation as well as the personal property of the Indians.

Senator Paddock will introduce the bill next week, which is to make provision for the payment of the tax, to be held by the Indians within Thurston county.

Hill's Initial Boom. Nearly every democrat of consequence in congress received an invitation today to attend a banquet to Senator David B. Hill in New York City. Hill says that he will be the initial boom of the wily politician for the rest of the year. He is confident that there will be much attendance from members of congress; especially in this time Senator Hill and his political confederates, November 1st, says that he will introduce a dozen democratic cities which tried to get the democratic national convention the other day.

Timber Culture Contest. Assistant Secretary Chandler today, in deciding the timber culture contest of Alexander Jacobson against Cortland Wood, New York City, says that he will award general interest in states and territories where there are public lands.

While the withdrawal of a contest will not make a difference in the amount of money into the treasury in the case and determining whether the claimant has complied with the law, yet in view of the fact that he has already made his appeal, and the contest in contestant in his letter withdrawing the contest having stated that he believes from subsequent inquiries and knowledge that the said Cortland Wood has satisfied the requirements of the timber culture laws up to the present time, the Secretary of the Interior will not subject to his compliance with the law.

Miscellaneous. S. H. Eiroa of Watertown, S. D., disburse officer for the Wapabton and Sisseton Indian Reservations, says that he will submit a report upon his work up to date and receive instructions upon some points in his report.

George Slosson, editor of the News at Aberdeen, S. D., arrived today. Mr. Slosson said Aberdeen was never in as prosperous a condition as it is now. He will be in the city for some time, growing out of the recent winding up of the Northwestern National bank in that city. He says that he will pay every man interested in full without delay and retire from business in good credit; that the men who were operating the bank were not interested in the liquidation and that the incident had no impression whatever upon local business, and caused no surprise.

The South Dakota delegation in congress has recommended the appointment of Frank Littlebridge of Pierre as agent of the Indians at the Cheyenne River agency in place of H. S. Williams of Wyoming, Ia., is at the Howard.

Senator Paddock has written a letter to the second assistant postmaster general asking that the post office be moved to the new building completed by M. & R. railroad between Culbertson and Wauwata. This he does at the request of a number of constituents. The new building is 100x100 feet and thirty-two miles in length. P. S. H